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MOTHER FOR A DAY

Alvin N. Rogness

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; and ye may be sincere . . . being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-10

You who are mothers, are mothers but for a day. Your children are yours as a loan and a trust from the Creator who gave them life through you. They are not yours to keep. If death does not snatch them from you, the years will do it. If you try to claim their total loyalties and affection, you imprison them. If you point them from you to that which is greater than you, you set them free. The little arms that cling to you for love and protection must loose their hold and grasp Someone greater than you. They are yours not to keep but to give. The test and measure of your excellence will be whether you have succeeded in shifting their affection and allegiance from you to God and truth and righteousness.

The training and inspiration of the race, under God, lies largely in the hands of mothers. The Lithuanian word for mother means "martyr," and what a martyr a really great mother is, eager and willing to give herself that her children might belong to Someone greater than she. When she succeeds, she sends forth her stalwart sons and noble daughters, striding down the years with the tempo of heaven in their step and the gleam of heaven in their eyes. And one day, before a great white throne, a fadeless crown on her gentle brow, she shall have the supreme joy of gathering about her the children whom she mothered for a day, children now of eternity, and hearing them call her blessed.

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Bless for us this day and every day, O Lord, the memories of mothers now with Thee. Strengthen the hands and hearts of the mothers yet here. By Thy grace, make each of us such men and women that we shall in our lives be tributes to a great mother love. In Thy Name we pray. Amen.

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A Troubled World Needs

Christian Families

Rubell Hagen

During the week of May 2, millions of American families will observe National Family Week. This is a period when home relationships are examined in the light of worthwhile values. It is a season that calls for re-evaluation of accepted standards with emphasis on the power of Christian faith. Furthermore, it is a week in which family patterns are considered with renewed purpose and determination to make articulate positive potentials through family experiences. National Family Week seeks to emphasize the importance of those aspects and areas which bind together family affections and foster attitudes conducive to Christian growth.

The theme for National Family Week, "A Troubled World Needs Christian Families," recognizes that tension, conflict, insecurity, fear, and uncertainty are prevalent in current world situations. But the theme is also cognizant that there is in Christian family life a dynamic and potent influence whose corporate impetus can stabilize even our atomic age. The stability of the home determines the constancy of the church, community, and the nation, for each of these entities is made up of family units. National Family Week is an opportune and fitting time to consider how the Christian family and home can fill a need in a troubled world.

Christian homes are built by people who make consistent efforts to continue their Christian living. When Christ enters the citadel of human hearts, personalities manifest changed attitudes. Forgiveness brings peace; spiritual regeneration brings new life. A full and complete dedication provides a new scale by which true meanings of life can be measured.

Christian living manifests itself through consideration, friendliness, co-operation, and Christian frankness. It means exchange of thoughts, family conversation, humor, and good will. It involves interest in each other's work, play, study, music, and recreation. It is reflected in reading, sports, social life, and in the hobbies of all members of the family. Christian living in the home is apparent in every area of activity—the attitude toward and performance of daily work, how birthdays and holidays are celebrated, how vacations are planned and spent. Christian personality is nurtured as the family works, plays, studies, and worships. But the home, though Christian, is not free from difficulties. Children may quarrel and adults may differ; but at every stage of development there is grace to forgive, willingness to compromise, ability to adjust.

Philosophy in the Christian family is based on the principle that "man does not live by bread alone." The devotional aspect is a vital part of Christian living, beginning with the simple prayers of early childhood to the devotion of mature Christians. This year our Church suggests for family devotion the "Christ in Our Home" series, published by our Division of Evangelism. Based

Photo by Frederic Lewis

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upon the Word, the meditations and prayer suggestions are usable for families where there are children.

Increasingly, family life is becoming one of the continuing emphases in the Church. In many places Family Night has become an accepted part of congregational planning. Family attendance at worship and at other functions in the church is conducive to united strength in Kingdom service. National Family Week is a time when every member of the family may realize anew his responsibility to the Church. Whatever that responsibility may be—for a pupil in the church school, a member of the choir, a teacher, a trustee, a deacon, an usher, an organization officer, a committee member—such responsibility is deserving of recognition and re-dedication to God's call to service. The church ministers to each member of the family at every important event. The whole program of education, evangelism, stewardship, and missions plays a vital part in the life of the Christian family. Through the church periodicals, work of the Kingdom is made meaningful and real. Life in the home and life in the church are thus intertwined to make more effective Christian living.

The Christian family fills a place in community life. Through its identification with those schools, welfare agencies, and community activities which are based on Christian principles, the family is a quiet, unassuming but great power to strengthen the community for common good. In the Christian home there is no place for social exclusiveness based on family standing, or wealth, or natural ability, or educational privileges. The home contributes friendly, positive, and wholesome participation in worthwhile community endeavors.

Many years ago a wise man said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." In this hour, when responsibilities are being thrust upon our country as never before, the Christian family brings to a fresh and new examination its national heritag Because they have been so long with us, we are takir for granted such values as human equality, the right life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, freedom thought, the press, speech, assembly, and worship. T Christian family realizes anew that government is servant of the people rather than master or exploiter its constituents. Recognizing that a part of our nation heritage are documents based on Christian principl the family endeavors to promote in a spiritual way great republic which under God can be used to establi peace among nations.

The slogan for National Family Week for 1954 is n new. The same principle was involved when God sa of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command h children and his household after him, and they sha keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgmen (Gen. 18:19). Through His abiding Presence and H continuing grace God imparts to the Christian fami wisdom and strength to "keep the way of the Lord

Scriptures in 1,077 Languages

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,0 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1953, accor ing to a statement issued by the American Bible Societ

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published	2
Languages in which a complete Testament has been published	2
Languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published	6
Total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published	1,0

The whole Bible was published for the first time Luo and Nupe, languages of Africa, and in Karo Bata spoken in Sumatra.

Complete New Testaments were published for t first time in Roviana, spoken in the Solomon Island Meru, spoken in Kenya, East Africa, and Simalungu Batak, spoken in Sumatra.

The American Bible Society added five new languag to the list in which it has published the Scripture three of which are spoken in Africa: Bano'o in t Cameroons; Gbeapo and Tchien, both spoken in Libe ia, and two Mexican dialects, Mazahua and Tlapanec

There are some 90 languages in which short passag or collections of passages have been published, but which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.

Chaumont Chapel

WORSHIPPING WITH A FIGHTER BOMBER WING IN FRANCE

'he young NATO base here at Chaumont is not a retty sight, and to the visitor it is merely another air ase. Yet amid the sea of mud, crushed rock, and tents ands one institution, if you will, which has remained rm throughout the beginning stages of establishing the ase.

The Protestant Chapel has held Sunday services every eek since the wing arrived in France two years ago. ase Protestants, totaling 72 per cent of all base per- nnel, have attended Sunday morning worship in nts, the mess halls, the base theater, and hutments. oday, a prefabricated building houses the Chapel.

Shortly after the wing arrived at Chaumont Air Force ase, it became apparent to Captain William H. Biggs, rotestant chaplain, that the tent originally reserved r the temporary Chapel was not sufficient to hold the nday crowds, and one of the mess halls was put into se.

By mid-summer, 1952, the base theater was obtained r Sunday morning services along with one office in the ilding to be used by the Protestant chaplain. The rangement worked out well until conflicting schedules terrupted the work of the Chaplain's Section.

Construction of a prefabricated chapel building com- enced in late 1952, and in February, 1953, Sunday rvices were held in the new structure for the first ne. This same building has been used since that time, id although the building is small, it houses the audi- rium, in addition to two offices; one for the chaplain, id the other for his assistant, A/1c Artford Freese.

/ith the progress of the Protestant Chaplain's Section id the rest of the base, varied activities were organized nong Protestant personnel. Under the directorship of 'Sgt. Ray Burchette, the Protestant Chapel Choir was unded in August, 1952.

Since its beginning, the choir has, in addition to regu- r Sunday services, sung at several special events at the base. The choir originally had 12 members. Today there are 20 active members.

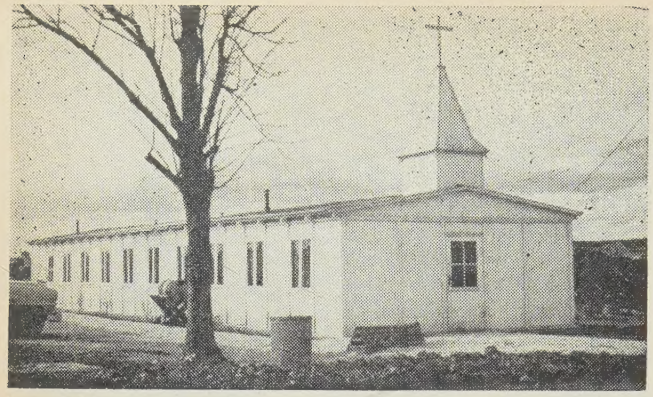
Youth Fellowship started in June, 1953. The main purpose of the Fellowship is to provide better balanced religious training for the men of the base. The weekly meetings are planned and conducted by members of the organization, and nearly every person is a member of an individual committee. This gives each person a chance to supervise, plan, or talk at the meetings, thus stimulating interest and promoting programs varying weekly.

Sunday school for dependent children was begun shortly after Youth Fellowship. Meeting in the Dependent school on the base, six teachers teach five classes each Sunday morning before chapel services at 11:00 a.m. The wives of the airmen are the teachers, and a few school teachers have now taken over certain classes. At present, there are over sixty children attending Sunday school.

Chaplain William H. Biggs finds himself in contact with nearly all of the base's 1,400 Protestants every week, whether at Sunday morning worship or during his routine visits to the flight line, hospital, mess halls, or individual units.

The Protestant chaplain must attend to the religious needs of his men, in addition to finding time for premarital counselling, emergency crash calls, weekly program outlining, and welcoming every new airman to the base.

Photos and text material were provided by Jerry Gaarder, now with the air force in France. For further information we refer you to the editorial pages.

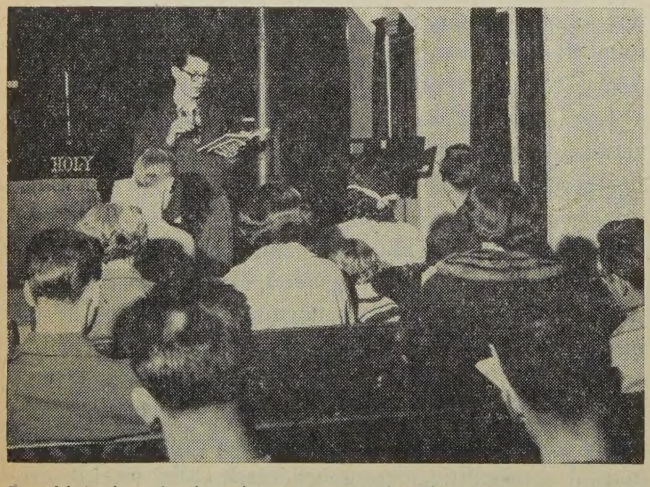


The chapel at the Chaumont Air Base was built late in 1952. It also houses the chaplain's office and the office of his assistant.

Chaplain Biggs with his assistant, Wally Freese. These men h worked as a team ever since the wing's arrival in France.

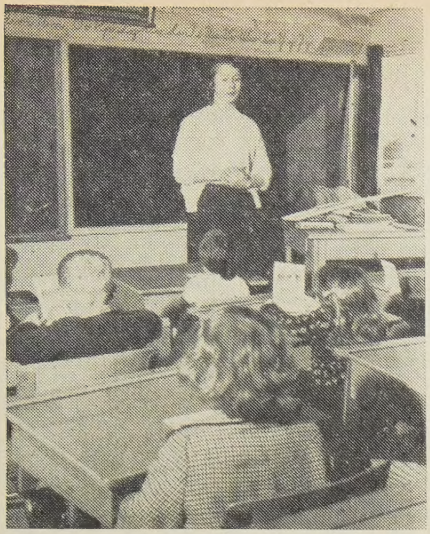
One of the Protestant chaplain's many duties is daily visits with the men at their jobs. Here Chaplain Biggs visits with one of the F-86 pilots and his crew chief.

Pre-marital counselling is one of the many things which is a par the life of a chaplain. There have been 26 Protestant wedding the base chapel since 1952.



Donald Lathem leads a hymn sing at the Thursday evening Youth Fellowship meeting. Programs are planned and executed by the members, each taking a different job each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fritzsche look over literature in the chapl office before choir practice. The Chaplain's Section also gives free Testaments, Bibles, and other printed matter.

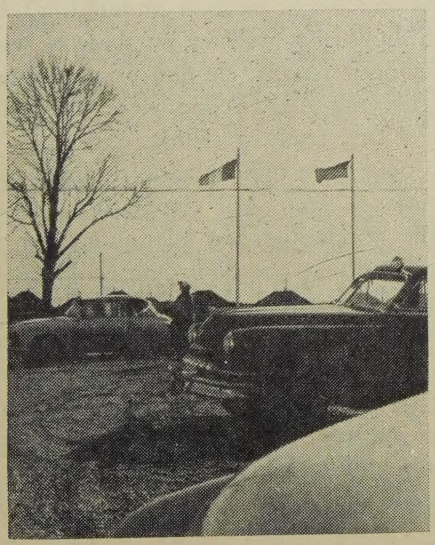


nday school for the children of army personnel. There are about children in the Sunday school, a part of which is the kindergarten ss pictured above. Mrs. Marie Hudson is the teacher.

Chaplain Biggs has been with this wing for nearly ur years, and in this period of time has become a ominent figure among the men of the base. Not unmmon at all is the sight of the Chaplain scurrying it to his car for an emergency call at the flight line, spital, or one of the off-base homes.

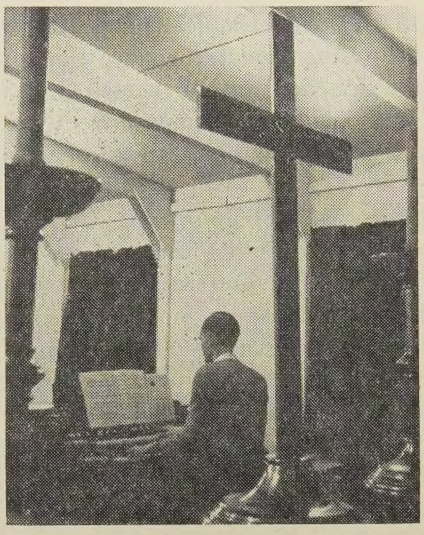
The Protestant chaplain is an airman's best friend. He without a doubt, one of the most respected officers any military base today. It is the chaplain's job, or rt of it, to act as a father to many men, as advisor d close friend to others.

The men of this Fighter-Bomber Wing feel, I am re, that as long as they are gifted with such a man their Chaplain, their work, living conditions, and orale will always be high, among the best.

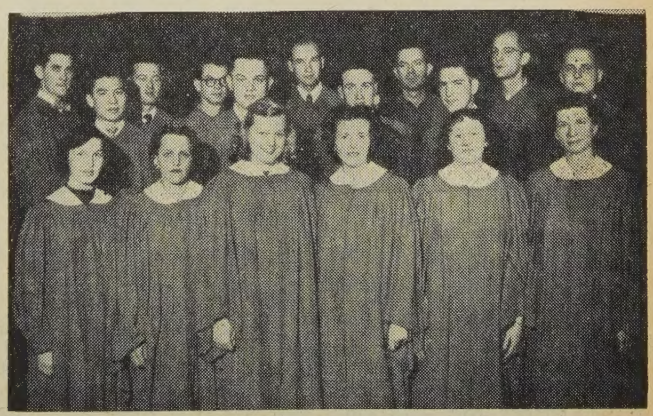


s the last of the crowd leaves the chapel after Sunday worship, the gs of two nations fly together as a symbol of unity and peace nong nations, of people united under one God.

Ray Burchette, organizer of the Protestant chapel choir at the base, directs a rehearsal.



Donald Lee practices at the newly-installed Hammond organ.



The Protestant choir is composed of men of the base and their wives, from all parts of the United States. Row 1 (l. to r.): Opal Sapp, pianist; Lorraine Brandt, Janice McLeroy, Ruth Fritzsche, Berniece Simpson, Wynoma Johnson. Row 2: Andres Lopez, Bob Lang, John Hairr, Artford Freese, Al Fritzsche. Row 3: Ray Burchette, director, Bob Benton, Donald Lathem, Buddy Holmes, Buel Sapp, and Donald Lee. Four members were absent when the photo was taken.

In the Land of the Zulus

Millicent Hauge

How will we be able to take two mothers and two children in the back of the pickup with all the boxes and trunks of June's as well?"

"Since we've been able to get all the eggs, cookies, cakes, and doughnuts into the cab and will still have room for the three of us, I'm sure we'll manage to get the people in also."

That is the gist of the conversation you'd have heard at the Luwamba Nurses' Home if you had happened in during the early morning of March 1.

By ten o'clock we were well on the way, and after necessary stops enroute, reached Hlabisa Hospital with our mother of nine children, who was expecting twins. We had not felt it fair to the native girls left in charge to be responsible, for it is not always easy to get a doctor here in case of an emergency and there would be no way to transport the patient quickly either. Hlabisa is so close to the Game Reserve, where we were for the seventh time gathering for our Annual Conference, that some of the hospital staff would be traveling forth and back daily. That made it much safer to have our patient there.

The missionaries' lives are divided into time segments. There are seven years on the field, then one and one half years in the homeland. Our years here, too, tend to be divided. Let us say that six months are spent in planning, praying, and discussing the coming conference and six months putting into practice the decisions of the previous conference. Now we had arrived at the hub of the year; it was teatime of March 1, at Hluhluwe.

What better choice could have been made for our opening session than the reading of I Cor. 13 and hearing the recording of Dr. Lilje's sermon to our youth in convention at Moorhead? There is perhaps no time on the field when the family of missionaries is more conscious of "The Will of God" than at our annual Conference, so this message was pertinent.

There are so many things that can be said about the practical aspects of the work discussed and planned that one hardly knows where to begin. The marvelous thing to me was the way in which one plan satisfactory to all could evolve, when there seemed to be two irreconcilable opinions. This happened not once but many times during the week. Of the thirty-seven missionaries present only eleven of us were here in 1943 when I attended my first conference. We are grateful for the replacements and additional workers that have come to us during these years. It is interesting to watch the "integration process," if it can be called such. In other words, it is good to see how the years mold us into a closely knit family. Things that were discussed at my early conferences are yet to be put into action, but many more have surely been accomplished in the interven years.

The city work is finally emerging into a concrete p with definite proposals. Sunday school work is on march, with Miss Knapcik directing it along with work of Bible teaching among the women of church. This step is a direct result of the inevit change of policy on the part of the government tow education. These changes must come and should give undue cause for alarm. It is the natural deve ment of a country trying to take over its tremend responsibilities toward the underprivileged masses soon as possible. Having Mr. Formo set aside for e cational work will help us to work our program i that of the government in the best possible way.

Speaking of schools and education brings me to discussions concerning a Bible school for our nati We must in all our planning remember that our w as a Lutheran Church has come to the point wher must grow as one in all our Lutheran Missions. Th fore, it was decided to investigate the possibilities working together with the Norwegian Mission Soc in the Bible School they have already established.

We plan as a mission to hold more local or dist evangelistic events such as: Bible camps, rallies, conv tions, and special services. This will minimize tr expense for those who want to attend and will re many who would never be included in a mission-w meeting. The heathen especially will have a better portunity.

You cannot even imagine the detail that must decided too, such as placement of individual work both white and black, erection of buildings and re of the old, digging of wells or purchase of water ta reading financial reports, election of committees, an host of other minutiae. There were five full days such, may I say, really gruelling sessions.

Now to carry on a difficult task, the body must be fit condition, so each year two ladies are elected manage the purchasing and planning, and all of ladies take a turn at the daily household task of co ing. It amounts mostly to planning and a few detai operations, for we are provided with several boys w do the work for us. Those boys really washed dish Allowing only one cup per person each time it served, we figured there must have been about 3, cups of tea and coffee consumed. One day we e had pumpkin pie!

The peace and quietness of the Hluhluwe Rest Ca where we met is surely as restful to the mind and sp

any place can be. To live in the comfort and the mpanionship of our fellow workers is ours for the ıration of our stay. Other folk are not excluded from e camp because we are there, but we do have special ivileges. One day we had the fun of playing host to me strangers from England, who had been unable purchase food supplies on their way in and who also preciated the spiritual food offered at our evening rvice. From them we learned a few things about mod- n farming eighty miles from London. The farm was anaged by the wife while the husband attended to s business from an office in Paris, to which he com- uted by plane.

If any one of us were asked what he particularly preciated at conference, I am sure the answer would , "the mountain-top spiritual experience." This par- ular week took us into the beginning of Lent. On iday morning we joined literally millions of Chris- n women the world around in their Annual Day of ayer. Each morning short prayer sessions were held fore the day's work began and in the evenings a riod of singing was conducted by Pastor Evenson. ıe ladies among us who play took turns accompany- g us on the portable organ that is brought to our nference each year. Several of our folk shared their usical talent with us at our inspirational sessions, and Friday evening as many as desired contributed to r annual concert. All during the week there had been etchy practices here and there. The selections were ılly centered about the Passion of Christ though there d been no special plan to do so.

The challenge of the Rev. C. N. H. Otte's opening mon to us will be a comfort and a challenge through- t the year to come. As I personally think it over ain the phrase that comes to me is: "Take me to the ck that is higher than I."

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday eve- ngs, the Rev. J. N. Otte led us in our worship and nking, very interestingly and with a distinct chal- ge as well. His messages reminded us again of our cial relationship: to God as His sons, to each other, d to our fellow men.

The peak of all, of course, was our Sunday morning mmunion Service, where each of us sat face to face th his sins and heard again the gracious words of giveness; then in the Communion itself empowered from on high to go home to carry out the tasks that d had given.

Back at Hlabisa again we learned that our patient s still awaiting the arrival of the twins, so we put in the pickup and started home. After an hour and alf of driving, it began to rain, and we heard a shout m the rear. There in the rain about thirty miles from me, the first little bundle, a girl, made its appearance. na then moved to the back of the pickup, and with the baby by my side I drove as quickly as possible to Empangeni Hospital. Before we could move the mother from the car, we had another little bundle, this time a boy. We wrapped them all up carefully and sped home the remaining twenty miles. And so to bed, already having been back at work after our conference experience.

PREACHING-TEACHING-REACHING EVANGELISM MISSION SCHEDULE

(Conrad M. Thompson, Agnar S. Tanner, Oscar C. Hanson)

Minneapolis Circuit—April 25-29

Lemonweir, La Crosse, Vernon and Fillmore Circuits—May 2-6

Kansas Circuit—May 23-27

Harvey, Turtle Mt., Lakota, Park Region and Lake Region Circuits—June 27-July 1

EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULE

Oscar C. Hanson

May 9-12—Canton Lutheran Church, Canton, S. Dak.—Marvin Rygh, pastor

May 16-19—Evangelical Lutheran Church, Flandreau, S. Dak.—Richard Nelson, pastor

June 3—High School Commencement at Lyle, Minn.

June 6-7—Conference of two Lutheran churches, Elbow Lake, Minn.

June 20-24—Conference at Luther Valley Church, Beloit, Wis., Marcus Lewis, pastor

July 7—L.D.R. Contreat at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

July 11-15—Conference at Wolf Point, Mont.—Ralph Okland, pastor

July 18-22—Bible study and class in youth work at Parish Workers' Conference of the ELC at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa

July 25-31—Evangelists' Retreat at Green Lake, Wis.

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April 25-30—Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd, Sacramento, Calif.—R. Aga, pastor

May 2-8—Freeborn Lutheran Church, East Stanwood, Washington—E. Hauge, pastor

May 9-20—Anacortes Lutheran Church, Anacortes, Wash.—A. Knutzen, pastor

Allen V. Lee

May 16-19—Portland, N. Dak.—E. C. Nordby, pastor

May 20-23—Fessenden, N. Dak.—A. Solberg, pastor

May 30-June 3—Rothsay, Minn.—R. K. Lindahl, pastor

June 4-7—Ulen, Minn.—H. M. Lybeck, pastor

June 20-24—Karlstad, Minn.—C. M. Cherlund, pastor

June 27-30—Middle River, Minn.—Clarence Hanson, pastor

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THE REPORT OF TH

It was made plain at the beginning of this series of editorials that one of the chief reasons for forming church bodies is that the member congregations may be able to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ. The *Report* states correctly that "the responsibility of preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments to all nations is too complex and comprehensive a task for the individual congregation to accomplish effectively by working independently and alone." So the church body exists chiefly in order that many congregations together may be able to do what one cannot do alone.

Chapter XIV of the *Report,* entitled "The Divisions," brings us to the heart of the matter of fulfilling the Great Commission beyond parish boundaries. Actually, everything else in the *Report* has been leading up to this chapter. Church polity, establishment of the church body, its geographical divisions, its conventions, its overall boards—all these are, so to speak, the foundation necessary in order that the congregations as a church body may carry on the mission of the Lord.

It is a simple matter to outline the scope of the Church's world-wide mission. Traditionally, we have divided it into Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Charities, and Pensions. Other bodies have used different names at times, and there may be differing interpretations as to the exact limitations of these departments of work. But all agree that they are inclusive and essential. ALC, ELC, LFC, and UELC—all are carrying on work in these areas. And the new church body will come into existence in order that the congregations of the merged Church may continue under one organizational structure what they are doing now under four.

The purpose of Chapter XIV of the *Report* is to establish working principles for heeding the Great Commission. The proposal is that the Church establish Divisions, one for each of the branches of work. The word Division is used instead of Department largely because it is the word which the National Lutheran Council has adopted. While it is a matter of no great importance, there is some value in uniformity. Provision is made for six Divisions: American Missions, World Missions, Education, Charities, Publication, and Pensions—exactly the same in scope as the corresponding departments of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

All the Divisions have a number of things in common; in fact, the working committees have been at some pains to establish a pattern which shall be workable for each Division. Avoiding unnecessary detail, the following is the pattern: Only the Church can establish a Division. The Church through its general convention elects members to a Division board, which is the policy-making body for that division. Board membership is uniformly nine, with six-year terms and the possibility of one re-election. The Division boards are charged by the Church with the task of acting for it in the af of the Division, subject to convention legislation of course, to the Constitution and By-Laws of Church. This means that the Division board has a g deal of power, is, in fact, autonomous in its own aff with the safeguards already mentioned.

Exception to the general pattern is in the Divi of Education, which is divided into two departme Higher Education and Parish Education. Each of t has a church-elected board of nine members. This the pattern the ELC followed until very recen Administratively, it pretty much follows that pat even today, although there is now one board and executive director. The proposal of the *Report* se to us quite sensible: the concept of Christian Educa as an entity is maintained, while the distinctive cha teristics of such Christian Education within the pa and beyond the parish are kept clear by having departments and two boards.

We do not believe that we need to go into detai to the arrangements for the various Divisions, ex at one point, which will be discussed presently. W there may be minor differences between the proposals the new Church and what we are accustomed to in ELC, the differences are so minor that they need detain us here. Suffice it to say that we in the E will feel perfectly at home in the new Church when come to doing our Kingdom work through the D sions.

The proposals concerning theological education in merged Church must be discussed in some detail, s they differ not a little from practices current in the negotiating bodies. We do not need to emphasize importance of adequate training of pastors for Church. In the ELC we place our theological semina on a pedestal. The Church itself elects both presid and professors; of persons elected by our conventi they alone have life calls. Our "schools of the proph are literally carried on the hands of the Church. I difficult to conceive of anything which a theolog seminary of the Church might ask for which the c vention of the Church would refuse. All of which i it should be; all of which, we hope and believe, continue to be the case in the merged Church.

When the merger is consummated, it will find it with a situation about as follows: The Lutheran

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Church has one theological seminary—Augsburg in Minneapolis. The United Evangelical Lutheran Church has one—Trinity in Blair, Neb. The American Lutheran Church has two—Capital, in Columbus, Ohio, and Wartburg in Dubuque, Iowa; in addition, the ALC has a co-operative arrangement with The United Lutheran Church in America for training pastors for work in Canada. The Evangelical Lutheran Church has two seminaries—one in St. Paul, one in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. There is, in other words, at least the possibility of the new Church finding itself with six distinct theological seminaries, in addition to one co-operative venture. It is a bit difficult to see how a situation like that can be justified. Other things being equal, a large number of perpetuated seminaries will tend to perpetuate past loyalties and to retard complete unification. On the other hand, it does not appear either wise or possible to close them all and establish from the ground up *one* institution on one campus.

The *Report* comes to grips with these problems by making a proposal which, at first, may seem revolutionary. In brief, it is this: "The concept of one theological seminary for the church body shall prevail. The theological seminary will function on a number of campuses. . . . Each unit of the theological seminary may be assigned areas of specialization, as for instance post graduate work, missions, rural ministry, etc."

In somewhat greater detail, here is how this will work: There will be a Board of Regents of the theological seminary, consisting of fifteen members, nominated by the Church Council and elected by the Church at its general convention. Since the campuses on which the theological seminary will function may be widely separated, so large a board can function partly through subcommittees, one for each campus. The Board of Regents will work closely with the Board of Education and will, in general, "make provision for the best possible preparation of the on-coming ministry of the church body."

Presidents for the various units and permanent professors will be elected by the general convention. The nominating procedure will be that the Board of Regents will issue a call to the membership of the church body to submit names of persons deemed qualified. When the resulting list has been published, "the Board of Regents and the Board of Higher Education, with the president of the church body presiding and with the head of the unit of the theological seminary having the vacancy advising, shall place not more than two names in nomination." These nominations are then placed before the general convention, which elects.

Naturally, details have not been worked out, as to the number of units there will be, whether there shall be the sort of specialization which the *Report* suggests, what arrangement there shall be as to over-all headship of the theological seminary, and so on. For the time being, all that is necessary is to establish the basic principles. When they have been approved, it will be possible to fill in the details.

We are frank to state that we have no idea what the reaction in the four negotiating Churches to this proposal will be. It surely is a new line of approach to a tremendously important subject. It appears to us that it is a workable plan, one which gives promise of providing the new Church with a strong theological seminary and one which will be versatile enough to meet the needs of so large a body. Let the plan be carefully and prayerfully studied!

Ministry to the Armed Forces

We take a good deal of pride in the picture story which appears in this issue, dealing with religious life at an air base in France. Jerry Gaarder, who gets the "by-line," is not a stranger to our readers. For a number of years he has been sending us fine photographs, many of which we have been able to use. He is an "amateur" photographer who can nicely qualify as a "professional." Jerry's home is in Albert Lea, Minn. He was a student at St. Olaf College at the time he entered the service. The picture story was his own idea, and we encouraged him to make it as comprehensive as possible. Had we been able to devote the space, it could have been made twice as long, because Jerry took as fine a set of pictures as one could desire. We hope that we have been able to include enough of them so that our readers will be able to see the story Jerry is anxious to tell.

It is the story, first of all, of the need of the men in the armed forces to have their Christian faith with them. It is the story, further, of the effort of our government, through the military chaplaincy, to make it possible for the men to have their faith and the Church along. It is, still further, the story of the pastors of the Church who feel the call to the unique ministry which the military chaplaincy offers.

We hope that this story will emphasize once again the responsibility of the local congregation for following its men. We at home bear a special responsibility to our fellow Christians away from home.

The Christian and His Tools

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 9, 1954
Text: John 17:1-8

He was on a mission divine, the Lord Christ. It was to accomplish redemption on a cross, to win men, to equip men for a divine adventure in life. And it is good to know that this life does have something to offer that is worthy of man's best efforts. Of course, man cannot do the work alone. There must be tools, ample tools, divinely supplied.

Give yourself a few quiet moments with the text for today. Read it again. You will be led by the Spirit of God to a new and fresh appraisal of the tools the Lord provides.

The finished work of Christ, this comes first. Redemption is not in part. There is nothing that remains to be done. The mission divine on which the Savior came into the world has been accomplished. The cross was lifted and He upon it. Death did its worst and the devil had his day, but the Savior claimed and won the victory. Sin, death, devil and man himself—these have been overcome and the doorway to heaven stands ajar. The work of redeeming grace and love is finished. This is a tool in the sense that it is a platform on which to stand.

The true revelation of God. Though many may grope, stumble, and fall in search of God, there is no need. God is revealed in Christ, a God of love and mercy who wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. If you would know God, you must find Him as He is revealed in Christ, for "no man comes unto the Father but by me." This is a tool in the sense that it is certainty for Christian people.

The Word of God delivered unto the saints. Speculation? None of it. Indecision? Not at all. Doubt? Not permissible. The Word, the creative, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying Word of God is given. You have it, and having it, you have spirit and life, as Jesus said. For Christian people there is no other course than the course of the Psalmist who hid the Word of God in his heart. This is a tool in the sense that it is authority for Christian people in faith and living.

The Spirit-guided conviction of truth: (They) "have known" and "have believed." Knowing and believing—this is what our Lord said, and this is faith, this is the work of the Holy Spirit. This, dear friend, is a tool in the sense that it is motivation for Christian action, and Christian action is the desperate need of our day.

Our Lord was on a mission divine. He finished it. Now, Christian, for whom Christ prays, use the tools God provides and finish the work that He would have you do. By the grace of God it can be done. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overb

Since a number of our best organists and ministe of music are on a crusade to restore the pipe organ t its age-long place in the church, it may be timely to ad another column to our discussion of the subject. Let be said that we certainly have no argument with th truly wonderful invention known as the electroni organ. We hope that scientific experiments in this fiel will be continued. These instruments have their place in public halls, armories, camps, and other meetin houses where a pipe organ is out of the question. Bu we do not recommend them for our churches an schools, where taste and discernment, the ideals of ton colors are to be taught and used for spiritual purpose

Arguments used in support of these instrument should be carefully weighed before any sale is closed They do not represent any plausible financial saving unless the cheapest, poorest models are accepted. Fo reasons given, the latter will not serve the purpose of church music. A good reed organ may do bette The new small model (unit) pipe organs, on the othe hand, are worthy of investigation by all who contem plate buying a "low priced" church instrument.

Adequate room for a pipe organ should not be major problem in building a new church. A little fore thought and insight are necessary. Expert advice from organ builders and good organists, visits to churche where the problems have been solved will prove fruit ful. Then, the local committee must check closely with the architect and his drawings. There usually is con siderable waste space, even in the small church building which can be utilized for organ pipes, if the blueprint are made adjustable. All facets of the music program must be co-ordinated in the plans before construction begins. Architects are behind in this phase of their grea calling. Possibilities are great and worth every bit o imagination and effort.

How about tone colors? Some salesmen will picture rainbows of hues in instruments that basically have only one tone color. The other stops are variants o the same. But, as stated, we are not primarily inter ested in the techniques of the electronics at this point— there are churches where we, no doubt, shall continue to use them. We are deeply concerned, however, when public interest in the traditional voice of church music the pipe organ, begins to lag. It indicates a deterioration of taste and discernment which savors too realistically of sickly intellectual and spiritual trends in our national life. The Church is called upon to be torch bearer in these matters, so we join with the crusaders in calling attention to the treasures that lie dormant in the makeup of the true pipe organ.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hesfenes

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

e Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10

The Gospel: John 17:9-17

Monday, May 10

UNFETTERED WORD

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the d . . . as preached in my gospel, the pel for which I am suffering and wear- fetters, like a criminal. But the word God is not fettered.

Paul was reminding Timothy of what had to endure because of his faith. He s suffering for the Gospel. Strange as may seem, with the freedom he found Christ Jesus also came fetters. These ters did not come with the Gospel but ause of it. He was treated like a crimi- .

But the encouraging fact remained that Word for which he was suffering was lf unfettered. Its power was also his wer. Its glory was also his glory. No tter then that he should have to suffer. e Christian cross can never bring a vier load than the Cross of Christ can r. Those who are asked to endure dship for the sake of Christ should view the fetters; they should value freedom that is theirs in Him who has them free.

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Tuesday, May 11

SURE GROUND

Read John 6:60-69

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Peter was the spokesman for the Disciples when Jesus asked them if they, too, were going to desert Him. And this was the answer. If they should turn back, what would they have? If they should look elsewhere for a leader, who would it be? If they should seek salvation through a source other than the Word, what would that source be?

No, Peter was sure of his ground. In Christ was the answer. He was the way, the truth, and the life. No one could come to the Father but by Him.

What a satisfaction there is in being sure. To know that life's most important question is settled brings inward peace and security. And this satisfaction can be had by any one who will trust the plain teachings of the Bible. Simple faith brings us to stand on sure ground. Living in that faith secures eternal life.

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Wednesday, May 12

PRAISE GOD!

Read Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Men never cease to marvel at the works God has done. Years ago a man hired an upstairs room with a skylight and lay flat on his back for several days and nights looking up to the heavens. By day he saw the clouds go floating by and at night he studied the stars. Asked why he spent his time doing this, he answered, "I wanted to drink in some of the marvelous works of God."

What God has done in nature is indeed marvelous, but it is what He has done about human nature that calls forth song from those who have been touched by His hand. God has secured victory for man. He has taken him as he is, stubborn, rebellious, sinful and lost, and through Christ remade him. Redemption is the single greatest work of God.

When this truth reaches me, it calls forth from my heart a real song of praise. His steadfast love and faithfulness must inspire me to grateful thanks.

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Thursday, May 13

THE OPEN DOOR

Read Revelation 3:7-11

"I know your works. Behold, I have before you an open door, which no is able to shut."

The Church in Philadelphia was given eal compliment from God. This com- ment was not given because there were many members in the Church. The th is, the membership was small. Nor re they congratulated on their wealth, they had no earthly wealth. Neither re they being praised because they were itting quite a figure in the eyes of their nmunity." The truth is, they were ng despised and laughed at.

The reason for the good word to them s because of their faithfulness. God set the open door in their midst and n saw to it that the door stayed open. ey had little strength, and had to put with oppression on the part of heretics l pretenders. But they remained faith- . They were an exceptional group.

The right pattern for any congregation one that is built around the open door. this every church must hold fast.

Friday, May 14

ABIDE

Read John 15:1-11

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

If we abide in Him, God will fulfill His purposes in us. But the secret is to abide. In this chapter the word "abide" occurs nine times, and the word "continue" is used once. Abide means to keep the vital connection between the Vine and the branches.

In practical terms, we abide in Christ through the use of the Word. This should be a daily practice. We abide in prayer. We can pray anywhere, anytime. We abide in daily living, in meeting and overcoming temptation, in the exercise of Christian faith.

The whole purpose involved in abiding is the production of Christian fruit. There cannot be fruit unless we keep the connection with the source of life. "Apart from me you can do nothing," says Jesus.

It is never a question whether Christ will abide with me. The area to watch is my own relationship to Him.

Saturday, May 15

BEAR GOOD FRUIT

Read Isaiah 5:1-7

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill . . . and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

Isaiah points out that God has done everything necessary in the construction of His vineyard to produce good fruit. It has been established on a "fertile hill," and it has been planted with "choice vines." Despite this, he says, instead of grapes, it produced among the people of his day wild grapes. The Lord of the Harvest came seeking fruit and did not find what He was looking for. "He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!"

Of vital concern to every Christian who knows he has been grafted into Christ is whether or not he is bearing good fruit, God's fruit, as a member of the Kingdom. Where there is faith there must be works, for faith without works is dead.

In Christ I can be loving, kind, sympathetic. I can be generous, helpful, thoughtful. I can be humble, thankful, and forgiving. I can bear Christian fruit.

TOWARD THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Department of Home Missions

HOME MISSION TRUST CERTIFICATES

Whereas The Evangelical Lutheran Church at its biennial convention in 1952 passed resolutions establishing a Home Mission Trust Certificate plan; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees made the necessary preparations for executing the plan through the adoption of a carefully worked out Trust Agreement; and

Whereas the Board of Home Missions has been administering the plan exactly according to the rules and principles laid down by the Church; and

Whereas the people of our Church have responded by investing generously both of congregational funds and of individual savings; and

Whereas the Board of Home Missions pays all interest and principal maturities on or before the date due; and

Whereas these investments are greatly helping the program of Kingdom extension by providing capital for needed church sites and buildings;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we commend the Board of Trustees and the Board of Home Missions for the way in which this project has been conducted and we encourage congregations to invest their funds and individuals their savings in Home Mission Trust Certificates.

HOME MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Whereas many people remember the work of Home Missions when they make out their wills;

Whereas many others give special gifts to the work of Home Missions;

Whereas the Board of Home Missions has made it a practice for many years by vote to place their special gifts in the Home Mission Endowment Fund;

Whereas surpluses and interest earnings on Home Mission funds have at times also been by vote of the Board of Home Missions placed in the Home Mission Endowment Fund;

Whereas the best known endowment for Home Missions is the Church Extension Fund; and

Whereas the Church Extension Fund has a 100% record of security from before the depression in the 30's to the present time;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the so-called Home Mission Endowment Fund of The Evangelical Lutheran Church be transferred to and be made a part of the Church Extension Fund.

SPONSORSHIPS

Whereas the sponsorship of new congregations by large established churches or groups of churches is an open door for extending the Kingdom of God;

Whereas we are certain that we have only begun to realize the potential of this method of advancing the Kingdom;

Whereas the demand for establishing new churches in the fields that seem ripe unto harvest is far greater than be met by the resources of the Home Mission Departm

Whereas distinct spiritual blessings come to those v sponsor new churches;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we encourage indivi congregations as well as groups of churches, especially cuits, to sponsor the twelve fields approved by the Bo of Home Missions for sponsorship in 1954, knowing work cannot be established in these twelve in 1954 exc through sponsorship.

Be It Further Resolved, That those unable to spon churches at present make long-range plans to do so in future.

Why Merge?

(The Rev.) R. A. Ofste
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A more concisely worded and truly Christian answer co hardly be given this question than the answer of Rev. George S. Schulz, director of Stewardship and Fina of the American Lutheran Church: "If as American L theran Church members we are dedicated to the direct of the Great Commission as our determination to fu to the best of our ability the will of God, then beauty structure, prestige of size, a common front to the wo a very doubtful reduction in administrative cost, a des to avoid geographical overlapping of churches and work these factors alone—are unworthy of being the basis for great a decision. If, on the other hand, this new Chu can provide a stronger and wider outreach of the Word God, a more effective preaching and teaching ministry; the work of the Church formed by the merger of fo bodies promises, on the basis of the proposed blueprint, be greater than the sum total of the work of the four bod now done individually, that in itself becomes an adequ reason for a further favorable attitude. And then all th things shall be added unto the new Church."

We believe that the merger of the four Luther Churches can be successfully achieved as we continue work together in prayer for God's guidance. We sta upon the same foundations spiritually as is evidenced our adoption of "United Testimony on Faith and Lif We believe that the merger is desirable if we can eme as a stronger Church dedicated to a greater program. It this that concerns us in our discussion of certain issu which have not been covered in the Report on Polity a Organization.

For this report much credit must be given to our su committee for hours of patient labor in seeking to arri at working agreements with the corresponding committe of the different church bodies. It has been readily admitt by all concerned that at certain points concessions have h to be made.

TOWARDS A STRONGER CHURCH

An inevitable "slow-down" for "the next ten or fifte years" has been predicted for the merged Church. It wou

seem that this would be too great a cost to pay, and an unnecessary cost. We would not like to think of the years 1958 (if the merger should be completed at that time) until 1970 or 1975 to be years when our progress would be less than would be made by four bodies separately. What fateful years these promise to be in the world today! It would therefore seem obvious that now is the time to anticipate and to solve as far as possible any problems that would present major obstacles to effective progress in the new church body.

We can hardly agree with the position already taken by some that from now on we must not say or do anything that might risk any delay in the merger. Someone has said that we must be cautious as over against our enemies but that we can trust our friends. I am confident that we can trust our friends in these other church bodies when we raise any points which we feel might constitute an obstacle to a future Church working in harmony and peace. We have come to feel a very deep respect and friendship for the members of the merger committees with whom we have been privileged to meet. There have been differences of opinion and sharp and spirited debates. But we have not felt that in the end we have been weakened but have come out rather with a stronger fellowship by far than if there had been any "soft-pedaling" of issues involved. Only through a frank airing now of vital issues involved can we expect to have from the beginning a strong Church which can go forward in the Lord's work with the least perceptible "lag" in program. Any other course would seem to indicate a basic lack of confidence with resultant "slow-down" almost inevitable.

We have been greatly encouraged in this conviction by the action of the pastors and lay delegates of the South Central District in their recent meeting, who decided by a strongly favorable vote to ask the convention of the Church to give special consideration to two of these issues involved in the merger to which we will give consideration in this article.

GETTING READY FOR A STRONGER CHURCH

If the call for free conferences on district and circuit levels now means anything, it means a call for a thorough discussion of any issue that might be involved. This should be a "two-way" street, with the members of the other church bodies free to point out to us any failure on our part in matters of doctrine or practice or any other area where we are failing in our loyalty to God's Word and will. One of the advantages of membership in the National Lutheran Council is the manner in which church representatives meet with each other and offer suggestions and criticisms in a spirit of Christian concern. Certainly too this should be the time for real self-examination, repentance, and prayer for our Church and all the Churches involved in this merger. *If we have ever needed to pray for God's guidance, wisdom, and love it is now.*

When we now speak of problems which we consider serious at this time, it is with the prayer and hope that these difficulties can be solved and that we can move forward in Jesus' Name, and become more thoroughly prepared for a greater work than ever in His Kingdom. Only if that cannot be accomplished would we question the wisdom of the merger. Unity in the truth of His Word is God's will; union is only to be cherished where the fullest unity is assured from the beginning.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS?

There are three major problems, as we see the situation. The first involves the program of the Church in the field of Education. It goes without saying that our schools constitute the basis of our church work. From them comes the overwhelming proportion of our pastors, missionaries, and church school instructors. Today those schools are in a unique position in our country, indeed, in the world. It can truly be said that the schools of our merging bodies are among the comparatively few which are holding to the original missionary purposes of their founders as expressed in the Great Commission of our Lord. They are hard at work in the Kingdom of God, building on the faith that the Holy Scriptures "as a whole and in all their parts are the inspired and infallible Word of God" and accomplishing the purpose of training men and women for consecrated service in reaching out with the Gospel of Christ. These schools therefore occupy a strategic position of utmost importance not only for Lutheranism but also for our nation and the world. *There are so few of them left; our first purpose must be to maintain them.*

SHALL WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS?

But already voices are raised which question whether this can be done in the merged Church. In an article in the *Lutheran Outlook*, March 1953, by Dr. Wm. L. Young of Capital University, titled "Some Implications in the Merger of Lutheran Church Bodies," this issue is presented at the outset: "There are serious problems in Higher Education for the Merging Bodies: Can our schools carry the fair share of the future load of Higher Education? (The President's Commission on Higher Education says we cannot.) (See Vol. I, p. 44.) . . . Should any schools be closed or re-located? Do we have any areas where a new school should be placed? Will California and Wisconsin please stand up and shout?" Other questions are raised by Dr. Young at this point as to how many senior colleges there should be, what percentage of church benevolence should be devoted to Higher Education, etc.

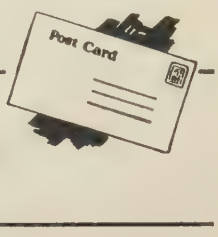
We are glad that Dr. Young so frankly raised these questions. Perhaps he had in mind the fact that while in our church body our schools are allocated funds from the budget for Education at the rate of about $100 per student, the ALC with its student population at about one third of ours appropriates about $150 per student, and the apportionment granted Dana College at Blair, Nebraska, about $220 per student. Would the ELC schools be raised, for example, to the ALC level of support? Dr. Young seems to be asking, "Can we maintain such a program?" His mention of the Report of the President's Commission seems to indicate a negative attitude as far as the support of our present number of colleges is concerned.

Dr. Young is not alone in raising these questions. Here

and there voices are heard asking, "Can we continue to support these colleges when we merge?" Certain colleges and institutions have already been mentioned as likely to be closed eventually if the merger goes through. This suggestion has come from people in places of responsibility.

Of course, if a school fails to keep up its enrollment, and every effort on the part of a concerned church body fails to bring it up to the point where the school is worthy of continued support, the time may well be when changes will have to be made. No school can expect an unconditional promise of perpetual support. But our school enrollments are continually rising. Our schools are serving the Church. They are holding the line of the Christian faith and its objectives. *If the merging of our church bodies would mean a weaker educational program for the Lord instead of a stronger one the merger would become a backward, not a forward, step.*

(To be continued)



Correspondence

ON CHURCH UNION

►Back in 1910-16 when union between the Norwegian Synod, the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, and the Hauge's Synod was being discussed, there were many who asked, why unite? Indeed, a few stalwarts, contending for the truth once delivered unto the fathers, refused point-blank to go along when union did come and formed their own little group, still extant and as militant as ever. As the contemplated merger between four Lutheran groups—of which The Evangelical (Norw.) Lutheran Church is one—draws near, voices are being raised much in the same fashion as 40-50 years ago. Why unite? What's the urgency? What are the advantages, if any?

Far be it from me to pose as an expert in this matter. I realize full well that we shall have to renounce many of the advantages we now have and start on a new basis, but that phase of the struggle will be forgotten by the next generation. I sense, too, that the road ahead will not be a "King's Highway." There will be human weaknesses and shortcomings to overcome, differences of opinions to reconcile, and even selfishness to combat. But shall we refuse the challenge of greater service to God and man because of these? True, we may say, let the next generation worry about church union, let well enough alone. But does this solve the problem? It does not. The fact is that we can not hand over to another generation the obligation that is ours. We either solve it or fail. If we want church merger, we must act now. We acted in 1917, and God has most certainly blessed us. Again He has set before us an open door. Again He bids us enter. I know it is a venture of faith, not only on our part but also on the part of the other groups who, for better or for worse, contemplate to share their church life with us. We do not enter upon this road alone. God who wills "that they may be one" will walk with us. Also there is every reason to believe, indeed to pray, that this merger is but another step toward a larger and more complete union of the Lutheran Church in this lan and dare we visualize in the distant future a still great union of God's people, or would that be sinful unionism I would not have anyone think that I am for union at a price, nor that I believe the "Report of the Joint Unic Committee" a perfect instrument. I don't. There are certa proposals with which I most emphatically disagree. B this will not prevent my voting in the affirmative. I ha faith in our people. Wrinkles will be ironed out and mi takes corrected as we proceed. We are inherently a dem cratic people zealous of our rights both as individuals a as congregations. However, if we hold off union until eve crease and wrinkle is ironed out, we shall not be rea until Gabriel blows his horn, and who will bother or ca about union then?

(The Rev.) C. O. Pedersen
Brooklyn, N. Y.

IN MEMORIAM

►Andrew L. Leknes, treasurer of the Board of Directors Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood, Washington, passe away at his home Tuesday, March 30, 1954. Funeral ser ices were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Carl E. I Lucky, in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, of which he ha been a life-long member, Friday, April 2, 1954.

The members of the Board of Directors of Josephin Sunset Home desire to register their recognition of th valuable services to the Home performed by Mr. Lekne through many years of consecrated work as member o the Board and its treasurer. Josephine Sunset Home wa dear to the heart of Mr. Leknes. He watched over it, alway planning and working for its welfare.

Mr. Leknes' sudden death has brought a sense of grea loss to the Home, as well as to the local congregation o Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and The Evangelical Lu theran Church.

The members of the Board of Directors of Josephine Su set Home desire to make this public expression of the appreciation of Mr. Andrew L. Leknes as a fellow boar member, a true friend, and a Christian gentleman. Ma God comfort his widow and keep green his memory.

Pastor C. Haugen
Secretary

EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULE

(Continued from page 429)

July 1-4—Viking, Minn.—Arthur Grorud, pastor
July 11-14—Hitterdal, Minn.—Carl Holm, pastor
July 15-18—Nielsville, Minn.—Orlando Lee, pastor
July 25-30—Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minn

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April 25—Lake Telemark, N. J.—C. O. Pedersen, pasto
April 28—Port Richmond, Staten Island, Jr. YPLL—L. P. Qualben
May 6-8—YPLL Board Meeting, Minneapolis
May 16—Berlin, New Hampshire, Alfred Breivik, pastor
June 27-July 3—Rock River Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wis.
July 4-10—Luverne-Windom Bible Camp, Lake Shetek, Minn.
July 18-24—Madison Circuit Bible Camp, Lutherdale
July 26-31—Evangelists' Retreat, Green Lake, Wis.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

MOVIES SEEN AS IMPORTANT "PULPIT"

The motion picture "pulpit" is increasing in importance in the work of the Church, according to Paul F. Heard, organizer of one of the Big Three producers of religious films. He has contributed substantially to the several hundred films now available for church showing, but says, "There should be several thousand."

Mr. Heard believes that films, to supplement the teaching of the Church, must be rigidly honest, graphically interesting portrayals of real life problems. The family type picture is better received by churches generally than a purely Biblical story, he said, but it must be made so that the family can identify itself with the characters and their problems.

He estimates that more than 50,000 of the quarter-million churches in the country have projection equipment, and some are beginning to gather their own film libraries.

LUTHERANS STUDY FELLOWSHIP IN SOUTH INDIA

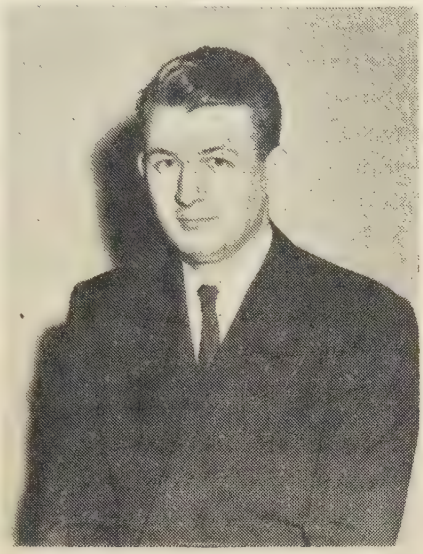
Representatives of Lutheran Churches and Missions and the Church of South India agreed at the conclusion of a five-day conference in Bangalore that there should be "closer fellowship between the two bodies." The meeting was the latest in a series of theological discussions between the two groups initiated in 1948.

The conference issued a joint statement saying, "We record with gratitude that in our discussions so far we have not found any basic disagreement on essential Christian doctrine. We agree that we are at one in honestly seeking to know God's will as revealed in the Scripture, and to bring the life and teaching of the Church into conformity with it. We, therefore, reaffirm what we said in June, 1953, that the measure of doctrinal agreement between us is such as to warrant a closer fellowship than now exists between our Churches."

Bishop Arnold H. Legg of Travancore, participant in the gathering, said a meeting scheduled for next year would deal exhaustively with the Sacraments. He said it was hoped the outcome of the 1955 meeting would be definite proposals leading to some form of inter-communion.

Lutheran groups participating in the conference were: Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Mission, The South Andhra Lutheran Church, the Leipzig Mission, the Church of Sweden Mission, the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Arcot Lutheran Church, and the Danish Missionary Society. Observers from the India Mission of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod were present.

STUDENT PREACHER



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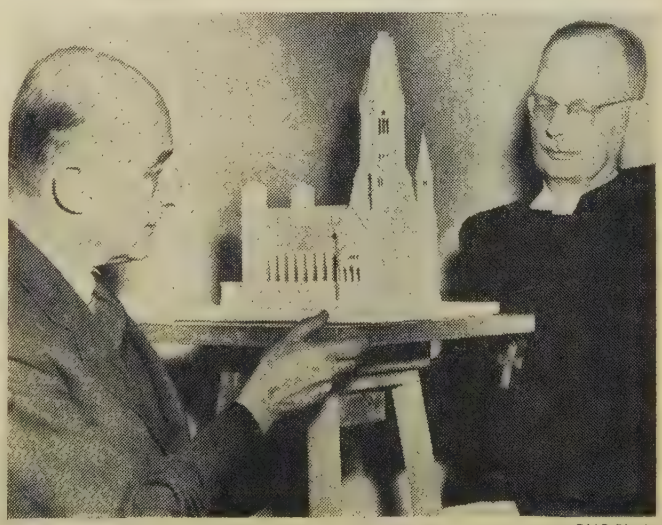
Roger A. Cowan, 24-year-old senior at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, has been named student preacher of the year by the "Pulpit" magazine. The selection was announced in Chicago by Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the "Pulpit," and the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, which collaborated in the invitation to 130 theological seminaries to submit sermons. Mr. Cowan, a United Presbyterian, will present his prize-winning sermon "The Tower Beyond Time" at the Sunday Evening Club on May 2. The sermon is based on St. Paul's declaration "For me to live is Christ."

OHIO COURT UPHOLDS ADVENTIST

The Ohio State Supreme Court has ruled that a Seventh-day Adventist is eligible for unemployment compensation despite her refusal to work on Saturday, stating that "the first moral obligation of a person is to remain true to his religious convictions and to conform to what he believes to be his sense of duty." Mrs. Regina Tary, claimant in the case, had declined a position offered by the Bureau of Un-

BERLIN CHURCH TO BE REBUILT



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Dr. Gerhard Jacobi, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop of Oldenburg (right), and Prof. Werner March, architect, study a model of Berlin's famous Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial church as it will look after its reconstruction. The church, badly damaged during World War II, will be rebuilt in a two million marks project (about $476,000), promoted by Bishop Jacobi. The jagged main tower of the structure will be preserved, since it has become a landmark in the downtown shopping area of Berlin.

employment Compensation in 1950, on the grounds that it interfered with her Sabbath.

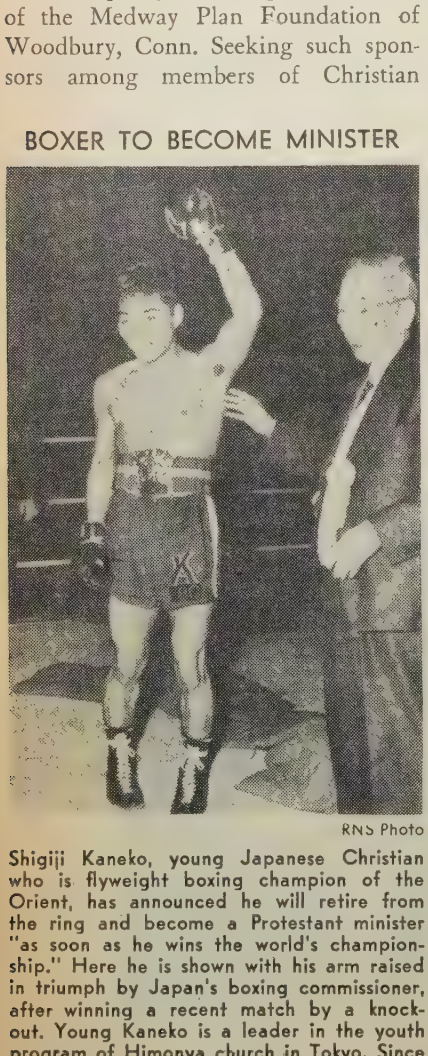
The decision hinged on the interpretation of the word "morals," for the compensation law states that consideration should be given to the "degree of risk to the claimant's health, safety, and morals," when judging whether a position is suitable. The Supreme Court pointed out the definition of morals as the "science or doctrine of conduct, especially as to sense of duty," and concluded that such issues were involved.

SEEK SPONSORS FOR HARD-CORE REFUGEES

Sponsoring of "hard-core" refugees who are ineligible for entry into America because of age, illness, or permanent incapacity is the special concern of the Medway Plan Foundation of Woodbury, Conn. Seeking such sponsors among members of Christian Churches, the Plan is said to involve only the obligation to write "friendly" informative letters at regular intervals and send, to the extent of the sponsor's ability, CARE packages, medicines, and clothing." The national director of the non-profit, non-denominational organization, William Montgomery Bennett, started the Plan in 1947. He said the foundation has information centers in France and Austria. In the past six years it has fostered the "adoption" by American cities and towns of 304 foreign communities, and through its efforts 300,000 war victims have received friendly letters.

Authenticating data on each case has been provided by the International Refugee Organization, Church World Service, the American Friends Service Committee, or the International Rescue Committee. This data is forwarded by the Medway Plan to anyone who volunteers to sponsor a case.

BOXER TO BECOME MINISTER



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Shigiji Kaneko, young Japanese Christian who is flyweight boxing champion of the Orient, has announced he will retire from the ring and become a Protestant minister "as soon as he wins the world's championship." Here he is shown with his arm raised in triumph by Japan's boxing commissioner, after winning a recent match by a knockout. Young Kaneko is a leader in the youth program of Himonya church in Tokyo. Since becoming a national hero he has found that many activities expected of Japanese celebrities conflict with his new faith. These conflicts have led to the decision to retire and enter a theological seminary.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN PLAN CHICAGO PROTESTANT CENTER

Title to a five-story Loop building has been transferred to the Christian Business Men's Committee of Chicago. Frank W. Sheriff, executive secretary, said the purchase price was $250,000.

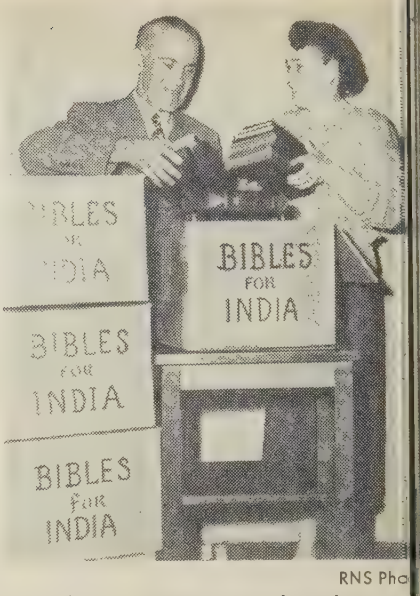
The committee plans a $40,000 alteration program to convert the structure into a center for Protestant services and headquarters for religious organizations.

Mr. Sheriff said a ground floor "Faith Chapel" will be built for noonday services now held in the committee's Victory Center at leased quarters nearby. The group also plans regular evening meetings in the chapel. Activities for servicemen in Victory Center will be moved to the second floor of the committee's new building.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Creation of a public relations office in New York for the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church in America was authorized by the recently-established Council of Liberal Churches. The council allocated $45,000 to launch a national program "to promote and publicize the cause of liberal religion." . . . The Colombian government's Commission on Constitutional Studies has recommended two constitutional amendments that would restrict Protestant religious and educational activity. One would bar Protestants from proselytizing outside their own churches. The other would require that instruction of Catholic students at non-public schools conform to Catholic dogma. . . . An all-out drive against grocery stores doing business on Sunday has been started by church leaders of Greater Kansas City. Almost 15,000 persons have signed petitions submitted to the Kansas City Council of Churches office stating they are opposed to patronizing grocery stores which remain open on Sunday. Plans are under consideration for a joint meeting of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders to map a united campaign of opposition to such store openings.

BIBLES FOR INDIA



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More than 10,000 Scriptures have been co lected by members of the La Habra (Calif Kiwanis club for shipment to India becau two "cops" met at the University of Sout ern California almost a year ago. Polic Commissioner Sherwood Roberts of Luc now, India, an Indian convert to Christiani who assumed an English name, and Polic Chief A. G. Johnson of La Habra met whi both were taking a special police scien course at the university. Mr. Roberts a dressed the Kiwanis club, of which M Johnson was a member, stressing India interest in the Bible and the shortage Scriptures in that country. As a result, t Kiwanians pledged to collect and send so 15,000 gospels to India. In this photo, so of the Bibles are prepared for shipment b Robert Kitto, associate pastor of the Gle dale Seventh-day Adventist church which participating in the drive, and Mrs. Jo Osborn, a church worker.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

Paul Kirchner, Pierre, S. Dak., senior t Augustana College, has been elected recipient of a Woodrow Wilson Fel-owship for the academic year 1954-5 according to Dr. L. M. Stavig, Au-ustana president. Kirchner is one of 44 students throughout the United tates to receive this outstanding schol-rship.

Fellowships are awarded upon in-itation only and upon nomination by stablished members of the academic rofession. Announcement of the Wil-on Fellowship came from the national irector of the Wilson program, Dr. Robert F. Goheen of Princeton Uni-ersity.

All Wilson Fellowships are granted or a one-year period to outstanding oung scholars showing marked prom-se for the teaching profession and ossessing the highest qualities of in-ellect, character, and personality. The Vilson awards for 1954-55, the total alue of which is approximately $268,-00, were conferred upon representa-ves of 101 colleges and universities. ugustana College was one of the mallest colleges to provide a Fellow-hip winner.

Kirchner has been accepted to grad-ate school at Princeton University, here he will continue his work in he field of English with particular mphasis on creative writing. The fel-wship includes $1,250 plus $600 tui-tion fee which has been granted the Augustana student by Princeton.

Following his year at Princeton on the fellowship, Mr. Kirchner plans to continue his study and eventually receive M. A. and Ph. D. degrees in English.

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Two students at St. Olaf College were among 58 persons from throughout the country who have been awarded scholarships to attend the Oslo University Summer School in Oslo, Norway, according to Mrs. C. S. Carlson, Northfield, who is administrator for the Summer School admissions office.

The two St. Olaf students are Robert Flaten, sophomore from Northfield, and David Vigen, junior from Fergus Falls. The scholarships for the two Oles are provided by Dr. Lars Christensen, a Norwegian ship owner, explorer, and author. His scholarship fund is one of several established by individuals and business and industrial firms in Norway for Americans who wish to attend the Oslo Summer School.

About $8,000 was allocated in various scholarships this year by the summer school scholarship committee, which met at St. Olaf recently. More than 100 applications from graduate students, undergraduates, and teachers from across the country were studied by the committee before the final 58 awards were given.

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Miss Nitsa Rallis, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., senior at Augustana College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for study abroad for the academic year 1954-55. Announcement came from the U. S. International Education Exchange Service of the Department of State.

Miss Rallis was recommended by Augustana for the scholarship and was endorsed by the South Dakota College Committee on Fulbrights. Each year two students from each state are granted scholarships for graduate student study.

She will study at the University of Athens, Greece, where she will concentrate on European history, particularly ancient Greek history, and philosophy. Included in the scholarship grant is transportation, book allowance, and tuition in addition to a cash award of 45 million drachmae, comparable to $160 a month in American currency.

Dr. Gerhard Schmutterer, language and history professor at Augustana College, has been granted a Danforth Teacher Summer Scholarship for study at the Unviersity of Southern California, June 21-July 30.

Schmutterer is one of 25 college teachers throughout the U. S. to be granted a Danforth teacher scholarship for the summer session. Throughout the six-week seminar the Danforth scholars will concentrate on the subject, "Development of Moral and Spiritual Values in Education."

The college instructors were awarded the scholarships on the basis of their past record and experience and on an essay which they wrote on the topic of higher education.

Schmutterer, German-born, came to Augustana College in 1948 as Augustana's first foreign student. Following graduation in 1950, he returned to Germany where he attended the University of Erlangen, receiving his Ph.D. degree there. He worked one year in the U. S. Information Branch of the state department of Foreign Affairs in Germany.

The German professor became a part of the Augustana faculty this fall and has since been teaching German and history.

DR. YLVISAKER HEADS IOWA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker, president of Luther College, has been elected the 1954 president of the Iowa College Foundation, according to recent announcement by the Foundation.

The Foundation, a non-profit organization, promises to be important in raising funds to support Iowa's smaller colleges by soliciting contributions from the state's larger business and industrial firms.

In 1953, the first year of active operation, the Iowa College Foundation received $47,000 in contributions. This amount was divided among 18 member colleges.

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PERSONS

The Rev. Rolf D. Boe, pastor of Riverside Church, Sioux City, Iowa, has accepted a call to Milan, Minn., and will begin his pastorate there early in July.

The Rev. Sherman I. Korshavn, assistant pastor of Trinity Church and principal of the church's day school, Hawthorne, Calif., has accepted a call to Bethel Church, Long Beach, Calif. He will serve as interim pastor of Bethel until Aug. 1, when he will be installed as pastor of the church.

The Rev. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District, **the Rev. O. L. Haavik,** superintendent of Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood, Wash., and **Mrs. J. C. K. Preus,** Minneapolis, will be among those who will be awarded honorary doctor's degrees by Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash., at its commencement exercises May 30.

At the funeral March 31 at Roland, Iowa, of **the Rev. O. Amdalsrud,** who at his death was the oldest man named on our ELC clergy roster, the following clergymen spoke: Allen E. Nelson and Olaf Holen, parish pastors in Roland; Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District; Douglas Jacobson, Ames, Iowa; S. O. Sorlien, Hayward, Minn.; L. L. Spaulding, Joice, Iowa; and Dr. J. E. Gronli, Minneapolis. Pastor Nelson brought greetings from the Rev. G. Smedal of Roland, and read greetings from a parish in Weehawken, N. J., formerly served by Pastor Amdalsrud.

The Rev. A. M. Mannes of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is serving as interim pastor of St. John's Church, Webster, S. Dak.

The Rev. Albert Stortroen, Deer Park, Wis., died shortly before Easter. Obituary later.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. At a Good Friday service at the Norwegian Memorial Church, parish of the Rev. Elias Rasmussen, the following clergymen spoke, each commenting on one of the seven last words of Christ on the cross: J. C. K. Preus, Herman E. Jorgensen, J. Bjonness-Jacobsen, J. E. Gronli, James Gronseth, H. S. Fauske, and R. S. Chelmen.

Porter, Minn. Porter Church, one of the three congregations served by the Rev. Clarence Johnson, received April 4, 19 new members, two of these being adults baptized and four adults confirmed after a period of instruction. This church, which now has a membership of 434, has gained 122 new members during the past five years.

South Central

Osage, Iowa. After a lapse of a year construction work on the new church edifice of Osage Church, parish of the Rev. Luther H. Berven, has been resumed. The parish house is already finished. Completion of the church building is scheduled for Christmas this year. On Palm Sunday 50 new members were received, bringing the membership total in excess of 1,300.

South Dakota

Spencer, S. Dak. St. Matthew's Church, parish of the Rev. Philip Westby, will on May 9 conduct a groundbreaking service, inaugurating an enlargement and remodeling program of its church plant.

Pacific

Seattle, Wash. Three ELC churches of this city: Bethel, Hope, and First of Bothell, were among six Lutheran churches which held a joint sunrise service Easter morning in Hamlin Park. Pastors of these churches are, respectively: Carl O. Pederson, Den Anderson, and A. W. Hjemboe.

California

Pacoima, Calif. A Good-Friday no service at Calvary Church was c tered about the seven last words Christ on the cross. The follow clergymen spoke: R. A. Ramseth, ling Wold, Henry Erickson, N. Hammer, Gaylerd Falde, David Swa and Charles Hasselback. The pastor Calvary parish is the Rev. B. T. A derson.

Chula Vista, Calif. The first serv of a new ELC church which when f mally organized will bear the na St. Mark's, was conducted in this c March 7 by the Rev. Erling R. Jac son, formerly of Moorhead, Minn. worshipers were in attendance. A S day school is being organized. M Dorothy Murray, California Distr field worker, is conducting a survey the Chula Vista field.

Ventura, Calif. On Palm Sund Trinity Church, parish of the R Owen E. Doely, received 20 new me bers, four of these by adult confirm tion. Later in the day the new me bers were welcomed at a reception.

Santa Barbara, Calif. Groundbrea ing exercises inaugurated April 4 t work of erecting a new $50,000 you education annex by Trinity Churc parish of the Rev. N. B. Thorpe. a preceding service the sermon w

FIRST GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Pictured above are the first graduates of the high school department of the Sunday scho of Zion Church, Belgrade, Minn., together with their pastor, the Rev. A. H. Hoyme. T graduates are: Mavis Jensen, Maxine Bahe, Ardis Nelson, and Paul Engstrom.

eached by the Rev. Irvin B. Tweet Oxnard, Calif. More than a hundred nily heads participated actively in act of groundbreaking.

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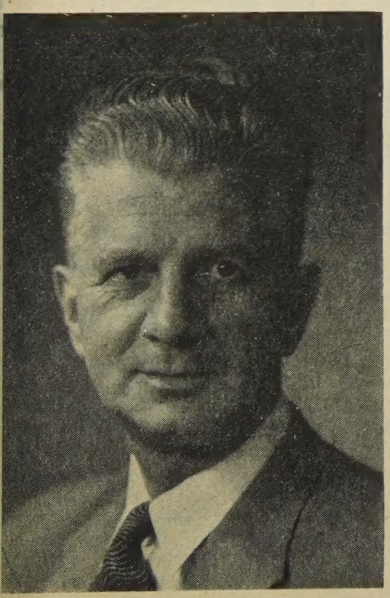
Vancouver, B. C. The first Preach-g-Teaching-Reaching conference of cific Circuit convened Sunday after-on, Feb. 28, at First Lutheran urch, preceded by forenoon services the various churches at which guest achers spoke. The speaker at the ernoon and evening rallies was Dr. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lu-ran College, Parkland, Wash. The ain speakers during the four subse-ent days were Dr. M. A. Dale, presi-nt of the Canada District, and the v. R. O. Olson of Edmonton, Alta. ring the conference 167 visitors de 519 home calls, contacting 1,347 rsons. About forty prospective mem-rs of adult instruction classes were nd, 60 unbaptized children, and new Sunday school members.

ONNING CANADA'S MINISTER TO NORWAY

As mentioned earlier in **Lutheran erald,** Chester Ronning, former pres-nt of Camrose Lutheran College, mrose, Alberta, Canada, has been pointed Canadian minister plenipo-



ntiary to Norway. After a recent visit th relatives in Chicago and Minne-olis he wrote the following note om Ottawa, the Canadian capital, to s uncle, N. N. Ronning of Minneapo-, former editor of **The Friend:** "We e packing for Norway, leaving on e **Oslofjord** from New York April 10. After presenting my letters of credence to H. H. King Haakon, I shall leave for Geneva and the Korean Conference." Mr. Ronning, a son of Missionary and Mrs. H. N. Ronning, was born in China in 1895. When his mother died in 1907 his father moved to Canada with his seven motherless children. After studying at the universities of Alberta and Minnesota Chester Ronning went to China to teach in a boys' high school, returning later to Canada, where he served as president of Camrose Lutheran College. While at Camrose he served one term as a member of the Alberta Parliament. Speaking Chinese fluently and knowing Chinese conditions intimately, he went to China as a representative of the Canadian government. Three years ago he returned to Ottawa for service in the Canadian Foreign Office, and, as stated above, has now begun his work as Canadian Minister to Norway.

OBITUARY

Andrew L. Lekness

Andrew L. Lekness, treasurer of Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood, Wash., and a member of its board of trustees for thirty years died, March 30, 78 years of age. He was born in Vermillion, S. Dak. Was graduated from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and from the University of South Dakota. At his passing he was vice president of First National Bank of Stanwood. From 1940 to 1943 he was a member for Pacific District of the ELC Church Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Park Region Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Osakis, Minn. Speakers: Dr. Jos. L. Knutson and the Rev. C. P. Thronson.

Oakes Circuit WMF will meet May 3 at Trinity Church, Forman, N. Dak.

Park River Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Grafton, N. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. Vern Keszler.

Northern Minnesota District will conduct a Sunday school teachers' institute Aug. 16-19 at Camp Minnewaukon on Lake Andrusia, near Bemidji, Minn. Faculty: Dr. J. C. K. Preus, Miss Della Olson, and Prof. Carl Narveson.

Decorah Circuit WMF will meet May 4 at Stavanger Church, Ossian, Iowa. Speakers: Missionary Knut Monson and the Rev. Ingvald Thvedt.

Clearwater Circuit WMF will meet May 14 at Erskine, Minn. Speakers: Pastor Olger Quanrud and Peter Onstad.

Goose River Circuit WMF will meet May 6 at Bruflat Church, Portland, N. Dak.

Watertown (S. Dak.) Circuit WMF will meet May 18 at N. E. S. Dak Bible Camp. Speakers: Pastor Edward Nervig and Mrs. Carroll Hinderlie.

Eau Claire Circuit WMF will meet May 18, morning session beginning at 9:30, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, G. Halvorson, pastor. Speaker: Pastor C. M. Hanson. Also mission film. "Suzuki."

Mondovi Circuit WMF will meet May 12 at St. Paul's Church, Strum,

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Wis. Speakers: Mrs. Roy Storvik and the Rev. Thomas Lee.

Goodhue Circuit WMF will meet May 7 at First English Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn. Speakers: Pastor H. B. Hanson and Mrs. Oscar Branstad.

The Minneapolis Norwegian Memorial Church's Cook Book, first edition of 10,000 copies now being sold out, has been re-issued in an edition of 5,000. The price is $1.75. The book is for sale at Augsburg Publishing House's bookstore in Minneapolis, also in the book departments of the leading department stores in Minneapolis. and by the Memorial Church's Ladies Aid. It is especially suitable as a wedding gift to brides.

Outstanding lectures presented by Dr. John Seldon Whale recently at St. Olaf College will now be broadcast over WCAL each Sunday afternoon, 1:30-2:30 p.m. The schedule of these lectures, which are under the general theme of "Our Protestant Heritage in the Modern World," is as follows:

May 2—**Our Debt to Luther**

May 9—**Modern Romanism and Christian Liberty**

May 16—**Our Debt to Calvin**

May 23—**Modern Totalitarianism and the Crown Rights of Christ**

May 30—**Our Debt to the "Sect Type"**

June 6—**Modern Sectarianism and the Ecumenical Movement**

A second broadcast of the series is also planned for 9:00 a.m. Mondays, running twelve weeks beginning Sept. 20.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS FOR PASTORS

R. E. Sorensen, U. S. Naval Hospital, SOQ, Bremerton, Wash., (4-6-54)

Olaf Eger, 1555 E. Florida Ave., Hemet, Calif., (4-8-54)

Warren C. Weeg, 1555 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, Ill., (4-2-54)

J. E. Nelson, R. 2, Clifton, Texas, (6-19-54)

E. H. Bredesen, 320 W. 17th St., Pine Bluff, Ark., (3-15-54)

H. E. Rasmussen, Jr., 515 Walders St., Minot, No. Dak., (4-7-54)

M. P. Lutness, 510 4th St., Bismarck, No. Dak., (7-18-54)

E. O. Walker, 6851 111th St., Edmonton, Alta., Can. (4-7-54)

L. M. Hanson, Knox City, Mo. (4-2-54)

Wallace A. Larson, Hqs. 4th Ord. Bn., APO 358, San Francisco, Calif., (4-12-54)

William E. Baker, 2047 Snowhill Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, (4-9-54)

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

From January 25 through February 5, 1954

Iverson, Nelius, Kindred, N. Dak., $90.
Iverson, T. O., Pleasant Lake, N. Dak., $1.
Jacobson, Carl, Galesburg, N. Dak., $16.
Johanek, G., Jackson, Minn., $5.
Johns, Scott, Viroqua, Wis., $1.
Johnson, Thore, Whalan, Minn., $10.
Jullo, Mrs. Theo., Fordville, N. Dak., $4.
Jullo, Mrs. Ted, Lankin, N. Dak., $10.
Kaupang, Mrs. Belinda, Boyd, Minn., $3.
Kirby, Jesse, Mohall, N. Dak., $3.
Kivell, George, LeRoy, Minn., $8.
Kloster, Andrew L., Ossian, Ia., $7.
Knudsen, Sam, Clermont, Ia., $5.
Knudtson, Mrs. Rachel, Grafton, N. Dak., $5.
Knutson, Anton, Ralph, S. Dak., $8.
Knutson, Mrs. Hjalmer, Minot, N. Dak., $1.
Kostad, Mrs. Albert, Madison, Minn., $19.
Kribbs, Mrs. Olive, Nekoma, N. Dak., $3.
Kuhlman, Henry, Ruthton, Minn., $15.75.
Larsen, Mrs. Annie, Stanley, N. Dak., $2.
Larson, Garfield, Dawson, Minn., $1.
Larson, Louis, Hillsboro, N. Dak., $1.
Lien, Audrey, Duluth, Minn., $4.
Lokken, Martin, Harmony, Minn., $5.
Lotvedt, Mrs. Severt, Ossian, Ia., $9.
Lund, Oscar T., Dawson, Minn., $15.
Maakestad, Mrs. S. J., Lee, Ill., $35.
Malme, Arthur, Fargo, N. Dak., $4.
Mandt, Carl, Northwood, N. Dak., $2.
Maves, Mrs. Robert, Tyler, Minn., $5.
McMasters, A. A., Bottineau, N. Dak., $4.
Midge, Andrew, Oakland, Minn., $4.
Moe, Mabel H., Mellette, S. Dak., $10.
Moen, Mrs. Christ, Larimore, N. Dak., $5.
Molldrem, The Reverend A. O. B., Northfield, Minn., $24.
Monen, Amer, Inwood, Ia., $23.
Mott, Chas., Audubon, Minn., $2.
Mueller, Mrs. F., Tyler, Minn., $5.
Munson, Mrs. P. J., Webster, S. Dak., $32.
Myhre, P. E., Minot, N. Dak., $2.
Natterstad, Mr., Jackson, Minn., $5.
Nelson, Henry, Larimore, N. Dak., $5.
Ness, Christ, Martell, Wis. $15.
Newgard Mrs. Ole, Lawton, N. Dak., $37.
Nielsen, Mrs. C., St. Paul, Minn., $10.
Norberg, Ole M., Swanson, Ed, Prairie Wis., $5.
Nordlund, Emmanuel, Frederic, Wis., $3.
Nuesse, Ernest, Sacred Heart, Minn., $17.
Olson, Mrs. H. H., Ray, N. Dak., $36.
Olson, John, Bristol, S. Dak., $9.
Olson, Olaf, Clarkfield, Minn., $9.
Olson, R. E., Hayti, S. Dak., $29.
Overgard, Mrs. George, Cashton, Wis., $2.
Paulson, Knute, Barron, Wis., $3.
Peterson, Wallace, Jackson, Minn., $5.
Pollei, Mrs. Fred, Madelia, Minn., $1.
Quam, Peter, Lodi, Wis., $5.
Quamme, Bessie, Fargo, N. Dak., $7.
Regier, Mr., Harwood, N. Dak., $3.
Rehn, Sara, Mohall, N. Dak., $1.
Reisetter, Harvey E., Radcliffe, Ia., $35.
Reno, Mrs. Inga, Rapid City, S. Dak., $3.
Ringer, T. O., Austin, Minn., $5.
Rodland, Martin, Ossian, Ia., $1.
Ronningen, Mrs. Oscar, Binford, N. Dak., $2
Salo, Walter, Stanley, N. Dak., $78.25.
Sattergren, Arthur, Barron, Wis., $3.
Setterlund, Mrs. Hilda, Hoffman, Minn., $16.
Severseike, F. K., Garden City, Ia., $100.
Sieverson, Mrs. Roy, Sauk Centre, Minn., $40.
Skak, Anna, Muskegon Heights, Mich., $3.
Stanglaad, Minnie Peterson, Ostrander, M $12.
Stenberg, Mrs. Gust, Reeder, N. Dak., $38.
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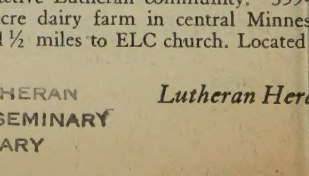

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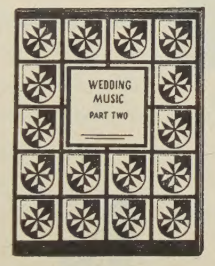
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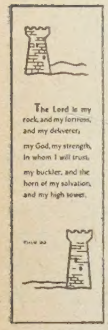
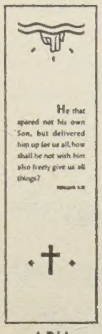

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

AP10



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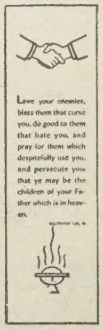
Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.

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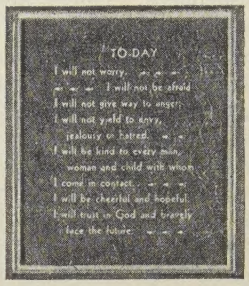
TO-DAY
I will not worry.
I will not be afraid
I will not give way to anger;
I will not yield to envy,
jealousy or hatred.
I will be kind to every man,
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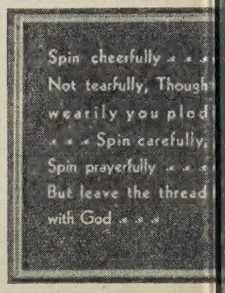

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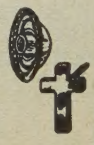

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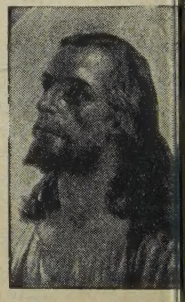

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